

**65159 to 65172. ORYZA SATIVA L. Poaceae. Rice.**

From Coimbatore, India. Seeds presented by the Government economic botanist, Agricultural College. Received October 16, 1925.

Locally grown strains.

65159. A. D. T. No. I, *Red Sirumani*.

65160. A. D. T. No. II, *White Sirumani*.

65161. A. D. T. No. III, *Kuruvai Early*.

65162. A. D. T. No. V, *Nellore Samba*.

65163. G. E. B. No. 24.

65164. *Coimbatore No. I*.

65165. *Coimbatore No. II*.

65166. *Coimbatore No. III*.

65167. T. No. 298, *Jeeraga Samba*.

65168. T. No. 414, *Basangi*.

65169. T. No. 329, *Ratnachudi*.

65170. P. S. No. 18, *Anaikomban-Tinnevely*.

65171. P. S. No. 25, *Sornavari*.

65172. P. S. No. 55, *Rasangi*.

**65173 and 65174.**

From Teneriffe, Canary Islands. Seeds presented by Juan Bolinaga, Directeur du Jardin de Aclimatación de Orotava. Received October 17, 1925.

65173. *ARBUTUS CANARIENSIS* Dunham. Ericaceae.

According to a note by W. T. Swingle, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, published under No. 56529, this is a beautiful evergreen tree attaining a height of 40 feet. It is, as the name indicates, a native of the Canary Islands. The pretty rose-colored flowers, in racemes, are followed by orange-colored fruits about an inch in diameter, which are beautiful as seen against the shining-green foliage. The fruits are sweeter and more pulpy than those of the strawberry tree, *Arbutus unedo*, and are considered very good by the natives, in spite of their rather numerous seeds. The bark is smooth and very thin; the wood is rose colored and useful in cabinetmaking. This species should be used by plant breeders in hybridizing with the strawberry tree.

65174. *FUCHSIA CORYMBIFLORA* Ruiz and Pav. Onagraceae.

A handsome Peruvian fuchsia with large, serrate, taper-pointed leaves and deep-red flowers. The plant becomes tall, but requires support in order to attain full height, and is therefore adapted for pillars or pergolas in the warmest parts of the United States.

For previous introduction, see No. 65014.

**65175. DOLICHOS LABLAB L. Fabaceae. Hyacinth bean.**

From Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies. Seeds presented by H. Caracciolo. Received October 20, 1925.

*Waby bean*. This has been cultivated by Professor Waby, who was for a long time in charge of the Botanic Gardens of British Guiana. It is an excellent salad bean. (*Caracciolo*.)

**65176. MUSA DAVYAE Stapf. Musaceae.**

From Pretoria, Union of South Africa. Seeds presented by the chief, division of botany. Received October 20, 1925.

A South African banana which, as described by Dr. Otto Stapf (*Kew, Bulletin of Miscellaneous In-*

formation for 1913, p. 102), is about 40 feet high, with erect, rigid leaves sometimes 15 feet long and up to 2 feet in width. The fruit is not edible, but the plant is said to yield a fiber used by the natives. In its native habitat, the Transvaal, this banana grows at an altitude of about 4,500 feet on the Drakenberg Range.

**65177 to 65195.**

From Manchuria. Collected by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received October 15, 1925.

65177. *ACTINIDIA ARGUTA* (Sieb. and Zucc.) Planch. Dilleniaceae.

No. 4086. Hsiaolin. August 29, 1925. Seeds of a large growing vine bearing fruits which are quite sweet and good; these are eaten fresh or made into jam.

For previous introduction, see No. 45241.

65178. *AMPELOPSIS BREVIPEDUNCULATA* (Maxim.) Koehne. Vitaceae.

No. 3723. Harbin. September 4, 1925. Seeds from an attractive vine which may make a good ornamental, found in the new Russian cemetery. The fruits are yellow when ripe.

For previous introduction, see No. 63332.

65179. *AQUILEGIA* sp. Ranunculaceae. **Columbine.**

No. 4149. September 13, 1925. Roots of an ornamental flowering plant, collected at the base of a small hill at Mefun.

65180. *ASPARAGUS SCHOBERIODES* Kunth. Convallariaceae. **Asparagus.**

No. 4095. Hsiaolin. August 29, 1925. Black seeds of what appears to be a very good ornamental.

65181. *CAPSICUM ANNUUM* L. Solanaceae. **Red pepper.**

No. 4120. Harbin. September 3, 1925. Seeds from a locally grown variety of large, red, bell-shaped peppers which are sweet and of good flavor.

65182. *CONVALLARIA MAJALIS* L. Convallariaceae. **Lily of the valley.**

No. 4141. Mefun. September 11, 1925. A quantity of pips from an exceptionally fine variety.

65183. *DIOSCOREA NIPPONICA* Makino. Dioscoreaceae. **Yam.**

No. 4148. Mefun. September 13, 1925. Roots of a wild species found on the mountain side. This vine is quite common here and in several other places we have visited.

65184. *FRAGARIA* sp. Rosaceae. **Strawberry.**

No. 4147. September 13, 1925. Plants growing wild near the station at Mefun.

65185. *IRIS KAEMPFERI* Sieb. Iridaceae. **Iris.**

No. 4146. Mefun. September 13, 1925. Plants of what is said to be the handsomest of the Manchurian varieties of iris, found along the edge of a bay.

65186. *IRIS* sp. Iridaceae. **Iris.**

No. 4129. Harbin. September 6, 1925. Roots collected from sand ridges across the Sungan.

65187. *MENISPERMUM DAURICUM* DC. Menispermaceae.

No. 4090. Hsiaolin. August 29, 1925. A few seeds of a vigorous growing vine with large leaves, found in a jungle.

For previous introduction, see No. 62184.